

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR
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THIRD ROUND OF BROWNFIELD SITE ASSESSMENT GRANTS AWARDED

Governor McCallum and the DNR announced the third round of awards for the Brownfield Site Assessment Grant (SAG) Program on Tuesday, March 26. DNR will fund 54 grants for 37 local governments, providing approximately \$1.7 million in SAG funds. Small grants (up to \$30,000) make up 48 of the awards, while 6 are large grants (between \$30,000 and \$100,000). SAG grants help local governments conduct initial activities and investigations of known or suspected contaminated properties. If a local government does not own the site, it must have access to carry out grant activities. SAG grants fund Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, site investigations, building demolition and associated asbestos removal, removal of abandoned containers and removal of underground storage tanks (USTs). The newly approved grants and other information are on the DNR's SAG web page (see "2002 SAG Highlights") at:
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm>

NEW PUBLICATIONS

"Brownfields And Comprehensive Planning - Fact Sheet 15" (publication RR-679) is now available. This publication describes how brownfields and other RR Program activities fit into the 1999 "Smart Growth" law. It offers a list of resources available to the public for the "evaluation and promotion" requirements in comprehensive plans. To access this fact sheet, please use the "What's New" button on our web site at: http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/general/whats_new.html Please contact Jessica Milz at milzj@dnr.state.wi.us or 608-267-0559 if you have questions.

Our "Financial Resource Guide for Cleanup and Redevelopment (2001-2003), publication RR-539, has been updated and is also available under our What's New" button.

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/general/whats_new.html

This 50 page booklet contains information on grants, loans and tax incentives to help finance the investigation, cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields. Details are provided about programs coordinated by Wisconsin state agencies and the federal government, and helpful charts and additional resources are included. This publication was a joint effort by the DNR and the Department of Commerce. Please contact Anna Thomas Bates at batesa@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-264-6007 if you have any questions regarding financial assistance.

GIS REGISTRY SUBMITTALS AND BOUND DOCUMENTS

Regional RR staff have had difficulty scanning documents for inclusion in the GIS Registry that are bound together. Pages have to be detached and can jam the scanner feeder. We ask that consultants who are sending these documents use 3 ring binders, or bind the information together with binder clips or rubber bands.

BROWNFIELDS 2002 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The Brownfields 2002 conference, "Investing in the Future", will be held this year November 13-15, in Charlotte, NC. Abstracts are due May 15 for those who would like to make presentations. Please see www.brownfields2002.org for more information on the call for presentations, scholarships, becoming an endorser, and Phoenix Awards.

DISCHARGE REPORTING

Discharges to the environment typically are identified in two different manners: observable incidents or analysis of data. Observable spill incidents, such as transportation or industrial accidents, must always be reported immediately by telephone or in person. Use the 24-hour statewide spill reporting hotline (1-800-943-0003). For discharges that are identified through laboratory analysis, the responsible person must also report immediately, but can use a different method. The easiest way to report non-emergency discharges immediately is to complete and fax the Hazardous Substance Release Fax Notification Form, DNR Form 4400-225, as soon as laboratory data is received.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/4400-225.pdf> A summary lab report should be faxed along with the form. Do not wait to write up a report before reporting the discharge, your report may follow later. There are no trigger levels for discharge reporting other than the de minimus exemptions in NR 706.07(2). De minimus spill quantities must be cleaned up, but do not have to be reported.

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